

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A printing system including a printer that operates in either a first operating environment or a second operating environment that is different from the first operating environment, the first operating environment being a first time period and the second operating environment being a second time period, the second time period not overlapping with the first time period, the printing system comprising:

a print parameter prohibiting means that prohibits use of a printing parameter associated with a print job;

an operating environment detector that determines whether the printer operating environment is the first operating environment or the second operating environment;

a parameter determiner that receives a print job and determines whether a printing parameter to be used in the print job is prohibited by the print parameter prohibiting means; and

a controller that, when the parameter determiner determines that a printing parameter is prohibited and the operating environment determining means detects that the environment is the first operating environment, prohibits processing of a the print job using the prohibited print parameter that is issued when the printer is operating in an on-line mode prohibited.

2. (Currently Amended) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the controller forcibly cancels the printing parameter that is prohibited and changes the parameter to another available printing parameter to perform the print job.

3. (Currently Amended) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the controller forcibly deletes the print job including the printing parameter that is prohibited.

4. (Currently Amended) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the controller goes on keeping the print job including the printing parameter that is prohibited.

5. (Original) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, where a printing parameter is determined by the parameter determiner to be prohibited and the operating environment is determined by the operating environment determining means to be the second operating environment, the controller displays a warning message.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The printing system as claimed in claim 1, further including~~ A printing system including a printer that operates in either a first operating environment or a second operating environment that is different from the first operating environment, the printing system comprising:

a print parameter prohibiting means that prohibits use of a printing parameter associated with a print job;

an operating environment detector that determines whether the printer operating environment is the first operating environment or the second operating environment;

a parameter determiner that receives a print job and determines whether a printing parameter to be used in the print job is prohibited by the print parameter prohibiting means;

a controller that, when the parameter determiner determines that a printing parameter is prohibited and the operating environment determining means detects that the environment is the first operating environment, prohibits processing of the print job using the print parameter that is prohibited;

a standard mode setting means that sets standard print mode,

a printing charge setting means that sets different charges for the standard print mode and for other print mode, and

a standard mode determiner that determines whether or not a printing parameter of a print job to be executed by a print command matches the parameter included in the standard print mode,

wherein the printing charge is determined based on the result of the determination by the standard mode determiner.

7. (Original) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, further including a designator that designates the first operating environment and the second operating environment.

8. (Original) The printing system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the designator designates a time period.

9. (Currently Amended) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the operating environment detector determines environment based on an environment of a network to which the printer is connected.

10. (Original) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print parameter prohibiting means operates according to a detection detected by a sensor located in the printer.

11. (Currently Amended) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print parameter prohibiting means operates by ~~[[an]]~~ a manual operation by a user.

12. (Previously Presented) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print parameter prohibiting means is located in the printer.

13. (Currently Amended) The printing system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print parameter prohibiting means is a program installed in a computer that transfers ~~transfer~~ the print job to the printer.

14. (Currently Amended) A print job management method of a printing system including a printer that operates in either a first operating environment or a second operating environment that is different from the first operating environment, the first operating environment being a first time period and the second operating environment being a second time period, the second time period not overlapping the first time period, comprising steps of:

setting a prohibited ~~prohibit~~ printing parameter associated with a print job;
detecting whether a printer operating environment is the first operating environment or the second operating environment;

determining whether a printing parameter to be used in the print job is prohibited; and

prohibiting processing of the print job using the prohibited print parameter ~~prohibited~~, when the determining step determines that a printing parameter is prohibited and the detecting step detects that the environment is the first operating environment, and the print job is issued when the printer is operating in an on-line mode.

15. (Currently Amended) A printing system including a printer, comprising:
an operating environment setting means that sets a first operating environment as the operating environment for the printer, as well as a second operating environment that is different from the first operating environment, the first operating environment being a first time period and the second operating environment being a second time period, the second time period not overlapping the first time period;

a print parameter prohibiting means that prohibits the use of printing parameters associated with print job;

an operating environment detector that determines whether the printer operating environment is the first operating environment or the second operating environment;

a parameter determiner that determines whether or not a printing parameter of a print job is prohibited by the print parameter prohibiting means; and

a controller that, when a print job is issued when the printer is operating in an on-line mode and when the parameter determiner determines that a printing parameter is prohibited, executes a different print mode based on the determination by the operating environment detector.

16. (New) The print job management method of claim 14, further comprising designating the first operating environment and the second operating environment.

17. (New) The printing system of claim 15, further comprising a designator that designates the first operating environment and the second operating environment.